

NEW SECRETARY OF WAR.



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Jacob M. Dickinson, the new secretary of war, is the southern member of President Taft's cabinet. A Mississippian by birth, he is a citizen of Tennessee and as a Cleveland Democrat supported Mr. Taft for the presidency. He is 58 years old, and for some years has been general counsel for the Illinois Central railroad. He was counsel for the United States in the Alaskan Boundary case before the Arbitration tribunal in London in 1903.

ONCE A ROYAL CHEF

But Now Edward Werner Is Unable to Get a Job.

Man Whose Flapjacks Delighted Czar.
Former Cook for King of Denmark, Out of Work in New York for a Year.

New York.—What signifieth the praise spoken by royal lips or written by royal hands, and that stirred by grateful remembrance of royal stomachs well content, if one is able and willing to work, but can't get a job? That is the question which Edward Werner, chef, inventor and painter of landscapes, is asking himself after being out of work for almost a year, and not through failure to hunt for a means of making a living.

Back in the early '90s Werner, who is a native of Copenhagen, came very close to royalty when he was employed as a chef for Prince Valdemar, the youngest son of the late King Christian IX, and in that capacity accompanied the prince when the latter, as commander of a Danish cruiser, made a trip from the Baltic to the Black sea. His cooking pleased the prince so much that on the return to Copenhagen Werner was recommended for a place in the royal household, and for two years and a half was one of the chosen 11 whom the king was fond of visiting and watching at their work.

Very naturally, owing to his place in the palace at Copenhagen, Werner cooked soups, entrees, and desserts for members of almost every royal family in Europe, and on one occasion his recipe for flapjacks was responsible for making Czar Alexander of Russia throw discretion to the winds and forget that the monarch had in his suite a cook who was specially engaged to see that no nihilistic substances, such as bombs and prussic acid, were used to give high seasoning to ragoouts or caviar.

That was one day in the Gripskov, one of the largest forests in Denmark, about 30 miles from Copenhagen, where members of the royal families of Denmark, Russia, England and Germany were out hunting. The czar, who had paired off with the king of England, then prince of Wales, in the pursuit, drew away from the others in the chase, and was half famished when he and his companion came upon the inspector's lodge, which had been set aside as a kitchen for the day. Werner was deftly turning the batter into the steaming cakes when the pair of hunters entered, and without further ado set to sampling them.

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MONORAIL TO RIVAL BULLET.

New Invention Said to Make Practical Running of Trains at 200 Miles an Hour.

Washington. An American inventor has so far perfected the monorail system of railroad transportation that he has succeeded in convincing ordinary conservative and anti-government authorities that a revolution in transportation methods is impending, which will hardly be less significant than that which was caused when the steam railroad took the place long held by the stage coach and the canal.

British, American and German specialists in science and mechanics have for years been at work on the monorail idea, and an Irishman named Brennan has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the scientists, that his project will work. It has until now been merely a question of whether it was worth while, or whether it would cost so much as to be of no commercial value.

This element of commercial utility is believed to have been put into the project by the American inventor. Recently he laid his plans before a member of the Interstate commerce commission, and explained what he had done and proposed to do.

Briefly, he convinced his listeners that he could send train across this continent at the rate of 200 miles an hour with less expense than would be required to haul a train of similar weight by present methods in five days, that his plan was perfectly safe, that it would operate on a railroad which would cost about two-thirds as much per mile for cost and maintenance as a standard road, and that his system will haul freight quite as well as passengers.

The possibilities of such a system have naturally attracted a good deal of discussion among people who have known of this incident. That it should have made a real impression on a man accustomed to deal with stocks and bonds, their projects is the unusual feature of it.

PETE THE HIPPO A JOKER.

Keeps a Gotham Keeper Who Accidentally Fell Into His Tank a Prisoner.

New York—Keeper Richard Richards, who, with Keeper Thaman, has charge of the elephant house in the Bronx Zoo, came to the conclusion the other day that a hippopotamus may, and sometimes does, have a sense of humor. Before he thought that hippopotamus simply had stubbornness and liked hay.

Pete, the Bronx-Zoo hippopotamus, has a fine, well-lighted steam-heated, up-to-date room in the new elephant house, with no end of refined surroundings and all conveniences. One of these is a six-foot tank. Pete was in his room Wednesday at 2 p.m., chewing hay. Keeper Richards thought it was a good time to clean Pete's tank in the doing of which he fell into the water.

The water was not quite over his head, but he had to walk around it on his tiptoe, tip-toe to keep his mouth and nose above water. The walls of the tank are slippery, so that the only way out for Richards was up the stairs Pete uses. He tiptoed over them and was about to start up.

Just then Pete appeared at the top. He didn't come down the steps, but stood there, barring Richards' exit, chewing hay, with one eye closed. Richards tiptoed around in the tank, hoping that Pete would go away, but he didn't. After five or six minutes, Richards began to yell for help, his pride having kept him silent up to that time. Keeper Thaman came to his rescue and drove Pete away from the exit.

To Restore Ticonderoga

Work Begun in Rebuilding of the Old Fort on the Shore of Lake Champlain.

New York.—Because a woman expressed a wish that old Fort Ticonderoga, on the west shore of Lake Champlain, might be restored and made to appear exactly as when on May 10, 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain boys surprised and captured it, work has just begun which has that end in view.

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RICE A FINE FOOD

CEREAL THAT IS NOT PROPERLY APPRECIATED.

Economical and Nourishing, and Capable of Being Prepared in So Many Ways That It Is Not Likely to Pall.

Rice is both an economical and a nourishing food, and can be used in scores of ways, so that it does not pall on one's taste. First, when you boil rice, drop it into boiling water, where it has plenty of room to boil up and around instead of cooking in to a sticky gum. Let it boil until done, and then remove with a skimmer, and you will have a lovely, flaky pile in which each kernel is separate. Serve with milk, cream, sauce or syrup.

A pretty way of serving rice is to dip some small cups into cold water, then fill them with the rice, press hard so that when it is removed, it will retain the shape of the cup. Serve with butter and sugar gravy or sauce.

A rice rich dish is made by taking a half pint of cooked rice, a half pint of strained tomato, a pint of hot water, a piece of butter the size of a large egg, a pinch of pepper and salt, half a tablespoonful of extract of beef and a tablespoonful of onion juice. Let the mixture come to a boil and then set it back and let it cook slowly well covered, without stirring, for an hour. Serve hot. This makes a large quantity. A small family can have the recipe. A very nice pudding is easily made by cooking one-half pound of rice in a quart of a little less of milk in a double boiler until soft and thick, then adding three well-beaten eggs with a half cupful of sugar and a pinch of salt. Stir this thoroughly and bake in a pudding dish until browned. Serve with any well-sweetened sauce.

A rice and carrot soup is relished by all who like carrots. Cut crisp young carrots in slices and cook in slightly salted water until tender. Add a half-teaspoonful of onion juice, a dash of white pepper and a cupful of boiled rice. Let the mixture come to a boil and then thicken with cream made by blending one and a half tablespoonsfuls of flour with two table-spoonfuls of butter and a table-spoonful of milk. When this has been added the soup is nicely thickened thin with a cupful of hot cream or cream and milk.

Fruit goes nicely with rice. A palatable pudding is easily made by cooking one cupful of rice until tender, then putting part about half into a pudding dish, adding pared, cored apples or peaches, covering with the remainder of the rice, steaming tightly covered for an hour, and serving hot with very sweet sauce.

Lemon and cinnamon combine nicely with rice, either in puddings or in plain boiled rice.

Parsnips on Toast.

Scrape and cut parsnips in thin slices, boil until tender, then drain and season, make a cream sauce of one cup of milk and one dessert-spoonful of flour, stir smooth in one dessert-spoonful of butter. Have ready slices of hot buttered toast. Spread parsnips on toast and cover with the sauce. Serve while hot.

Creme Seville.

Dissolve half an ounce of tanglase into a breakfast cupful of white wine. Then work some sugar on the rind of a lemon and squeeze the juice into the wine. Let the mixture stand until nearly set, then add a pint of stiffly whipped cream and add three table-spoonfuls of orange marmalade. Mix well and mould.

Box for Towels.

If there are no drawers for the purpose, an excellent substitute for keeping the kitchen towels in order is a box.

It is not necessary to get a regular shirtwaist box; a plain box from the grocer's will answer.

Cover it with a dark denim. Fasten two partitions in the inside, so there will be three separate compartments for the towels and you will then have a place for the coarse-dish towels, the glass towels and the kitchen hand-towels.

Little Date Cake.

Cream one-third cup of butter with two-thirds cup of brown sugar. Add two unbeaten eggs and beat all together until very light. Add one-half cup of milk and one and three-quarters cup of flour sifted with three even tea-spoons of baking powder, an even tea-spoon of cinnamon and a few gratings of nutmeg. Stir in last one-half pound of dates stoned and cut in small pieces. Put the batter into small buttered tins, filling them about two-thirds full. Bake and cover with a white icing.

HAINS' SENTENCE IS EIGHT YEARS

UNDER CONVICTION OF MAN-SLAUGHTER FOR KILLING WILLIAM E. ANNIS.

WILL GO TO SING SING

JUSTICE SAYS NO PERSON MAY ASSUME TO ACT AS JUDGE AND EXECUTIONER.

Flushing, N. Y.—Unless some technical obstacle is interposed, Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., F. S. A., who was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree for killing William E. Annis at the Bayard, N. Y., estate last August, will be taken to Sing Sing Tuesday and at once will begin serving the sentence imposed by Justice George L. Nichols in the Supreme Court.

The sentence is half-life imprisonment, after which the maximum period of the punishment will be eight years and six months.

Comment for Hains left Nichols Monday night to their court to the district attorney to Sing Sing soon after announcement of the conviction. At General Hospital, White Plains, Capt. John P. Hayes, a brother of the accused, said he expected the sentence of considerable severity, as he was not in favor of the death penalty, but he would not be taken to Sing Sing.

Upon arriving at the prison he will be given the usual treatment, the execution of his sentence will be carried out in accordance with the law.

Although there will be a great deal of sympathy manifested by the public, the law still abides. The parole method for saving the lives of convicts from breaking confinement must be used.

The trial of Capt. Hains was a long and tedious one, but the result was a verdict of guilty. The defense, however, did not succeed in getting a mistrial, and the law does not permit such a doctrine. At the time of his trial, the defense maintained that the evidence was insufficient to sustain the charge. In this case the facts of the crime have been vindicated and the claim to right to life of the person condemned has been again compromised. Further comment is needless.

The result of this trial is the best comment.

President Joins G. A. R. Society.

Washington.—President Taft, in the presence of a distinguished gathering of Civil War veterans, was admitted Saturday as a member of the Associated Society of Patriotic Veterans, A. V. B. of Mount Vernon, N. Y. The ceremonies were conducted by Gen. Horatio Parker of New York in the east room of the White House. President Roosevelt was made a member of the society soon after he became president. In addition to members of the society, there were present Saturday representatives of John A. Dix post and of Lloyd Garrison post of New York City, as well as prominent members of the G. A. R. in Washington.

A few years ago, when Grand Army ranks began to thin from death, a movement was started to organize a associate societies of such pensioners for service to help to keep up the famous organization. Many of the larger posts have associate societies.

President Taft became an honorary member.

Would Catch Mars' Signals.

Boston.—Prof. David S. Todd, head of Amherst College observatory, announced his plans for picking up messages from Mars by means of wireless instruments carried up in a balloon to the edge of the earth's atmosphere. Shut up in an air-tight tank, balloons in a huge balloon, he will make the first attempt ever made by the inhabitants of the earth to intercept possible messages from the people of the planet Mars, whom astronomers are inclined to think have been signaling to the earth by means of other waves for years.

Spreckels' Will Attacked.

San Francisco.—Legal proceedings, the effect of which will be to test the validity of the will of the late Claus Spreckels, the sugar magnate, who died here a few months ago, leaving an estate valued at many millions, were begun Monday.